

Informing the work of PDCN

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DSO Hunter Project

The Disability Support Organisation, Hunter Project was possible through a federal government Practical Design Fund grant associated with the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)

The Project was independently managed by the Physical Disability Council of NSW and Family Advocacy on behalf of In Control NSW. It was funded by a grant from the Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

What was achieved in seven months?:

- A user led Disability Support Organisation run by and for people with disability and their families with the aim of helping *“to get the support we need to live the lives we choose”*. It is an independent, collective voice committed to full inclusion and active citizenship.
- A resource aimed to provide some information and assistance to other groups of people with disability, families and allies who also want to make sure that the opportunities suggested in the Productivity Commission’s report into Disability Care and Support will be delivered to people with disability and their families.

To hear about the project journey, its outcomes , and the lessons to be learnt please attend;

PDCN Panel Presentation: “from idea to realisation” on the 16 October at St Helens Community Centre, 184 Glebe Point Road Glebe at 6pm. Call 9552 1606 to reserve a space.

Smart Phone App Survey



During May PDCN were contacted by the City of Sydney to conduct some research to determine how many people would use a smart phone app to report issues whilst travelling around, as well as to gain accessibility information.

We were astounded by the response we received and would like to thank all those people who participated and contributed to the survey. The survey is now complete and results have been forwarded to the City of Sydney to guide and inform their work on an app.

The City of Sydney is continuing a discussion with PDCN, keeping us up to date as more details become available.



Community Consultations

On 11th and 12th June PDCN held community consultations in Taree and Port Macquarie.

The events provided an opportunity for individuals and organisations that have an interest and concern into the issues of people with physical disabilities to voice their priorities.

The received information acts as a guide for PDCN on what action needs to be taken for issues that are important to people with physical disability across the state.

In order to gain further insight into what is happening across the state PDCN has now put the community consultation survey onto our website. If you would like to let us know how things are going for people with physical disability in your area please complete our survey by using the link:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PN5229M>

If you are unable to access the survey online please call us on 02 9552 1606 or 1800 688 831 and we'll be happy to post you a survey with reply paid envelope.

Future Consultations in 2013

Katoomba: Friday the 18th of October.
Katoomba Neighbourhood Centre 6/8
Station Street Katoomba
10.30am till 12.30pm.

Penrith: Monday 25th of November
Penrith Bowling Club Corner of Woodriff and
Derby Streets Penrith
11am till 1pm.

Venues to be confirmed. To register your interest email Admin@pdcnsw.org.au or phone 02 9552 1606 or 1800 688 831.



We value your feedback

Nothing tells us more about how we are doing than by receiving feedback from our members and other people that have made contact with PDCN. Now on our website is our PDCN feedback form; Information provided by you will assist us.

If you have some feedback you would like to share you can access the feedback form by following the link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GM78Y5H>

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People with disability: Responding to Needs during hospitalisation

The NSW Ministry of Health has engaged O'Connell Advisory to undertake a review of PD2008_010 People with disability: Responding to Needs during Hospitalisation.

PDCN has invited 10 individuals to a consultation at their offices in June to gather feedback on hospitalisation, including their thoughts and experiences.

The information collected will inform and assist in review of the existing policy.

We would like to thank those who were involved in the consultation for their valuable feedback. We will provide updates of progress in the coming months.

Submissions

Below are recent submissions by PDCN, for more information go to the Publications section of the website and click Submissions. Alternatively, if you would like a copy mailed to you, please contact the office on (02) 9552 1606 or 1800 688 831

[Review of the Creative City: Cultural Policy Discussion Paper](#)

[Living Longer Living Better: Aged Care Reform in Action](#)

[Review of the DDA Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport](#)

[Review of the Draft Service Charter](#)

[Review of the Draft Boarding House Regulations 2013](#)



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Wednesday the 16 October

St Helens Community Centre, 104 Glebe Point Road, Glebe

6pm: Panel Presentation: “from idea to realisation”

Establishing a user led Disability Support Organisation: The journey towards and learning from the establishment of Community Disability Alliance Hunter, an independent, user- led disability support organisation

7pm: AGM

“Out and About”

The work of PDCN is informed by people with disability from across NSW, and we know that people with disability are engaged in local discussions/forums/meetings/events that are held in communities.

PDCN has developed a section of the website www.pdcnsw.org.au to a space where anyone who attends a meeting, forum etc can list what they have attended, and if they want some information about the focus of the event.

Please contribute to this information as it will provide valuable information to us all.

If you do not have access to a computer or would simply prefer to call and let us know about your ‘Out and About’ activities that would be terrific. Our number is 9552 1606 or if you are not in Sydney call 1800 688 831

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